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SUBJ: CALL ON NORWEGIAN PERMREP BY PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE

PARTY (PIP) SENATOR BERRIOS

REF: STATE 115833

1. ON MAY 12, NORWEGIAN MISOFF INFORMED US OF A RECENT CALL ON NORWEGIAN PERMREP ALGARD BY PIP SENATOR REUBEN BERRIOS. FOLLOWING IS GIST OF BERRIOS' COMMENTS AS REPORTED TO US.

2. BERRIOS SAID THE PIP SUPPORTS FULL INDEPENDENCE BASED ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND COOPERATION WITH THE US FOLLOWING INDEPENDENCE. THE PIP WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE QUESTION OF PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE DISCUSSED IN A DIFFERENT ATMOSPHERE FROM THAT OF LAST YEAR'S COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24) MEETING. PIP WOULD PREFER SUPPORT FROM QUARTERS OTHER THAN CUBA AND THE EASTERN EUROPEANS. BERRIOS WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF THE PUERTO RICAN SOCIALIST PARTY (PSP) REFERRING TO IT AS AN "ELITEIST" PARTY WITH ONLY MINIMAL SUPPORT AMONG THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE.

3. BERRIOS SAID THAT DURING THE LAST FEW MONTHS THE PIP HAS SOUGHT CONTACTS WITH BOTH PORTUGUESE AND SPANISH SOCIALIST PARTIES AND HAS HAD CONTACTS WITH THE SWEDISH SOCIALIST PARTY. HE ALSO INDICATED INTEREST IN CONTACTS AND COOPERA-

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TION WITH NORDIC AND WEST GERMAN SOCIALIST DEMOCRATIC PARTIES.
HE SAID THE PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST PARTY MARIO SOARES WILL
PROPOSE THAT THE PIP BE GRANTED OBSERVER STATUS AT THE
NEXT INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES.

4. MISOFF INFORMED NORWEGIAN MISOFF THAT WE WOULD BE MAKING
DEMARCHES ON PUERTO RICO IN CAPITALS OF COMMITTEE OF 24
MEMBERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE NON-ALIGNED IN CONTEXT OF
OTHER ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO US AT THE NON-ALIGNED MEETING--
BUT THAT SUBJECT OF PUERTO RICO AND THE COMMITTEE OF 24 WOULD BE
AVOIDED.
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